(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to deal with the fodder crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir. In pursuance of the National Agriculture Policy, a major thrust is given to the promotion of fodder crops and fodder trees to improve animal nutrition.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following schemes have been implemented for enhancement of feed and fodder production:

1. Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme comprising of the following components;

(i) Establishment of Fodder Block Making Units.

(ii) Grassland Development, including Grass Reserves.

(iii) Fodder Seed Production and Distribution.

(iv) Biotechnology Research Projects.

2. The Government has established Central Fodder Development Organisation comprising of seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration, one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm and one Central Minikit Testing programme on fodder crops for production of fodder seed, organising demonstration and training programmes on production of high yielding varities of fodder crops.

Requirement of Pulses

577. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the domestic requirement of pulses and indigenous production thereof during the last five years, year-wise and item-wise;

(b) the details of import of pulses during that period, year-wise and item-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken to make India self-sufficient in the production of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The overall domestic requirement of pulses for 2004-05 is placed at 17.38 million tonnes against the production of 13.38 million tonnes. The domestic requirement of pulses and their production since 2001-02 is given below.

Requirement & Production of Pulses

(in million tonnes)

Year	Requirement*	Production
2001-02	16.42	13.37
2002-03	16.74	11.13
2003-04	17.06	14.94
2004-05	17.38	13.38

* Based on Normative requirement @ 14.60 kg./cu/year as recommended by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

(b) Import of pulses since 2001-02 is given below:

Year	Import of Pulses (Million tonnes)
2001-02	2.22
2002-03	1.99
2003-04	1.72
2004-05	1.30
2005-06 (upto November, 2005)	1.03

(c) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses growing states with a view to increase the production and productivity of pulses. Under the scheme, assistance is provided to farmers for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed,

production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, plant protection chemicals and equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/ pyrite/liming/dolomite, sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes to encourage farmers to grow pulses on a large scale.

Horticulture Mission in Andhra Pradesh

578. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount provided under the National Horticulture Mission to Andhra Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise;

(b) whether any potential belt has been identified in the State to cover the same under the Mission;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have got any concrete plans for production and marketing of horticulture products since the Mission is going to be extended upto the next Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) which was launched during 2005-06, an Action Plan for Rs. 87.18 crore has been approved for the State of Andhra Pradesh for taking up various activities. During the current year an amount of Rs. 43.20 crore has been released to the State. Funds for NHM are allocated by the Planning Commission on year to year basis. The allocations of Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07 has not yet been finalized.

(b) and (c) Potential belts have been identified for the holistic development of ten crops of Mango, Sweet Orange, Sapota, Pomogranate, Banana, Papaya, Cashew, Loose Flowers, Coriander and Turmeric, in twelve districts of Srikakulam, West Godavari, Guntur, Prakasam, Ananthapur, Kadapa, Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda, Khammam and Nizamabad, in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) envisage an end